

## **FIRE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION COMMITTEE - FIRE EFFECTS TASK GROUP -**

### **I. Purpose**

The mission of the task group is to coordinate and advocate the use of fire to achieve management objectives and to promote a greater understanding of the role of fire and its effects. The group will explore methods of measuring and interpreting fire effects to meet the needs of the member agencies of the Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group (AWFCG). The task group will make recommendations related to monitoring standards, techniques and training to the AWFCG - Fire Research Development and Application Committee. Information sharing and technology transfer issues will be ongoing.

### **II. Membership**

- A. The Fire Effects Task Group consists of representatives from the following agencies.

Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Bureau of Land Management  
National Park Service  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- B. Meetings will be open to all interested parties. Other agencies, organizations and institutions may be contacted to consult, advise, or assist the Fire Effects Task Group as determined by the members.

### **III. Functions**

- A. Evaluate available fire effects monitoring techniques as to their suitability for use in Alaska.
- B. Develop standard fire effects monitoring protocols that will aid in information sharing and continuity.
- C. Solicit informational presentations from agency, university and private individuals that will enhance the groups fire effects and fire effects monitoring knowledge.
- D. Make recommendations to the AWFCG - Fire Research Development and Application Committee regarding the continued study of long term monitoring projects.
- E. Make recommendations to the AWFCG - Fire Research Development and Application Committee regarding priority areas of fire effects research needs.

### **IV. Organization and Structure**

- A. The Fire Effects Task Group will have a chairperson that is also a member of the AWFCG - Fire Research Development and Application Committee.
- B. A quorum consisting of four (4) members of the Fire Effects Task Group is required to conduct official business.
- C. The Fire Effects Task Group will exist as a standing group.

**V. Meetings and Reports**

- A. Meetings of the Fire Effects Task Group will be held as often as necessary and biannually as a minimum. Meeting leads will be responsible for scheduling these meetings. Some meetings may be held by tele-conference. Meeting lead responsibilities will be rotated among the members.
- B. The Chairperson or designated meeting lead will be responsible for arranging meeting modes or facilities, providing advanced meeting agenda, preparing timely reports of the meeting minutes, and preparing and presenting any reports to, or requested by the AWFCG.

**VI. Salary, Travel, and Incidental Costs**

Routine costs of members will be borne by their respective agencies. Training costs will be primarily borne by the sponsoring agency, with assistance from other members as needed.

**VII. Approval**

This charter is effective as of the date signed and approved by the AWFCG Chairperson. This charter will be revised only upon recommendation of a majority of the Fire Effects Task Group members and approval by the AWFCG Chairperson.

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson  
Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group